

My Cross
Cultural
Experience



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Dominican Culture

- The Dominican Republic is a nation in the Caribbean. It shares an island with Haiti and the island they share is “La Hispaniola”
- Around the late 1400’s, the Dominican Republic was explored by Colonizers. Christopher Columbus arrived to the Dominican Republic in 1492, his first of four voyages.
- The Dominican Republic culture is made up of Taino, Europeans and African cultures. The main language is Spanish



American Culture



- The American culture is harder to pinpoint because it's not only an American culture. It's a mixture and influenced by different cultures all of which define the American culture. It's based on different cultures and most importantly on immigrants.
- English is usually spoken in America, but there's also Spanish, Chinese, Irish, and many more.



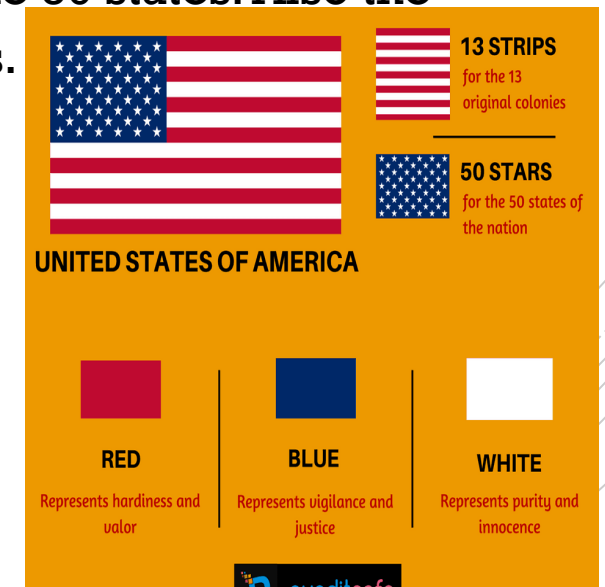
Flag: Dominican

- Officially established in November 6, 1844.
- Colors: Red, blue, and white.
- The red represent the blood lost of those who fought for the nation during wars. White represents union and peace. The blue represent the sky blue where God protects the nation.
- The white is a cross and in the center there's a country motto, branches of both palm and laurel and a Holy Bible.



Flag: American

- Officially established in June 14, 1777
- Colors: Red, blue, and white
- The blue in the flag represents justice, perseverance, and vigilance. The red stands for the courage and strength. White stands for innocence and purity.
- The American flag also has its unique characteristics like the 50 stars that represents the 50 states. Also the stripes represents the 13 colonies.



Food: Dominican

- **Breakfast:** A classic Dominican breakfast is a Mangu. It's mashed plantains, with fried eggs, salami, onions, and fired cheese.



- **Lunch:** For lunch rice, beans, and meat is usually served. It's not

- **Dinner:** Every night dinner might be different.

Sometimes it plantain again or something else

Like Pica Pollo or a Dominican hot dog



Food: American

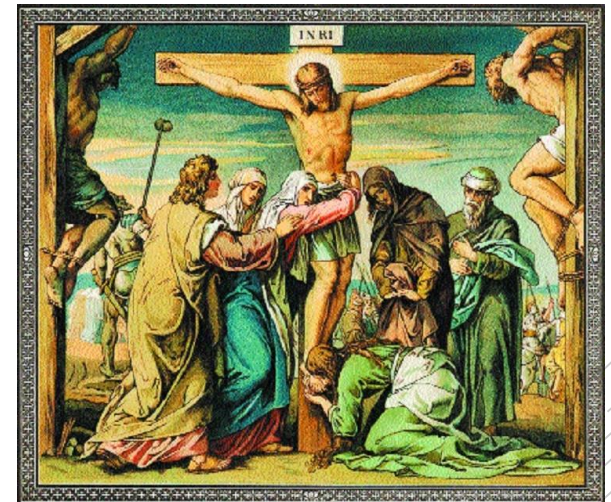


- **Breakfast:** a classic American breakfast is pancakes, sausage, and egg.
- **Lunch:** Lunch is more laid back and it can vary from soup, salad, leftovers, sandwich and more
- **Dinner:** For dinner it's usually vegetables, some rice, accompanied by fish or any meat.



Holidays/ Religion: Dominican Republic

- The 2 most important holidays in the Dominican Republic are Christmas and Easter.
- Christmas is a main celebration because it represent when Jesus is born. The official religion in the Dominican Republic is Catholicism
- Easter (Semana Santa) by far the most important holidays. It's crucially important because it symbolizes the sacrifice of Jesus, his death on the cross, and his resurrection.



Holidays/ Religion: America

- America has largest population of Christians. However the United States is full of diversity and it's religious pluralism.
- There are 10 federal holidays, it's hard to say if one is more important than the others.



American Holidays and Celebrations



Traditions: Dominican Republic

- Carnivals are a tradition in the Dominican Republic. Carnivals either takes place around February which is our independence month. Usually these carnivals last till the beginning of March. The carnivals travel thought the whole Dominican Republic. During the carnivals its normal to see vibrant costumes, and people with masks usually representing characters of folklores



Traditions: America



- One tradition is the celebration of the Fourth of July which mean fireworks, barbeques, family or friends gathering, and overall being proud to be an American.



Conclusion

- The Dominican culture and American culture in my eyes are so different. They are both unique. In the Dominican Republic the Catholic religion is a huge factor in our lives.
- In America there's much diversity in terms of different races, classes, social groups and more.

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